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SUBJECT: PRESS STATEMENT

THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS RELEASED TO THE PRESS AT
1:30 PM LOCAL TIME JUNE 17. REQUEST DEPARTMENT REPEAT
TEXT TO ALL ARA POSTS. SPANISH VERSION FOLLOWS SEPTTEL.
BEGIN TEXT:

1. THE PRESIDENTS OF COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, THE UNITED STATES AND VENEZUELA, THE CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA, AND THE PRIME MINISTER OF JAMAICA, PRESENT IN PANAMA CITY ON THE OCCASION OF THE EXCHANGE OF THE INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION OF THE PANAMA CANAL TREATIES BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE CULMINATION OF A PROCESS WITH WHICH WE HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY CONCERNED, EXPRESSED THE BELIEF THAT THE TREATIES REPRESENT AN HISTORIC STEP FORWARD IN INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONS. THESE TREATIES SYMBOLIZE A FUNDAMENTAL RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY AND A COOPERATIVE SPIRIT WHICH CAN MOTIVATE ALL COUNTRIES TO ADDRESS THE DIFFICULT PROBLEMS WHICH AFFECT ALL THE WORLD.

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2. THEY BELIEVE THAT THE PANAMA CANAL TREATIES DEMONSTRATE HOW ALL OF US CAN WORK TOGETHER IN A NEW SPIRIT OF COOPERATION TO SHAPE THE FUTURE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR IDEALS AND TO RESOLVE ALL AREAS OF FRICTION IN THE REGION BY PEACEFUL MEANS. THEY ARE DETERMINED TO BUILD ON THIS EXAMPLE SO THAT ATTENTION CAN BE FOCUSED ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND INTEGRATION IN ORDER TO PROMOTE

SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THEREBY STRENGTHEN
SOLIDARITY AMONG THE PEOPLES OF THE AMERICAS.

3. ACCORDINGLY, THEY PLEDGE TO WORK ACTIVELY AND IN
COOPERATION WITH EACH OTHER AND WITH OTHER STATES.

BEGIN UNDERLINE TO PROMOTE WORLD PEACE, THEY PLEDGE:
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-- TO WORK TO BRING INTO EFFECT THE BEGIN UNDERLINE
TREATY OF TLATELOLCO BANNING NUCLEAR WEAPONS END UNDERLINE
FROM LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN.

-- TO STRENGTHEN THE BEGIN UNDERLINE PEACEKEEPING
MACHINERY END UNDERLINE OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN
STATES AND THE UNITED NATIONS.

-- TO WORK TOWARD AN EFFECTIVE BEGIN UNDERLINE REGIONAL
LIMITATION OF CONVENTIONAL ARMAMENTS END UNDERLINE BASED
ON COOPERATION AMONG SUPPLIERS AND PURCHASERS TO PUT AN
END TO THEIR ACQUISITION FOR OFFENSIVE PURPOSES. THEY
ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE WASTE OF RESOURCES TO
PURCHASE ARMS, AND ARE THEREFORE ENCOURAGED BY THE
DECISION OF THE COUNTRIES, WHICH SIGNED THE AYACUCHO
DECLARATION, TO RENEW THEIR DETERMINATION TO FIND A NEW
AGREEMENT TO LIMIT PURCHASES OF WEAPONS. THEY ALSO HOPE
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THAT THE AYACUCHO EXAMPLE WILL BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE ALL
LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, AND PERHAPS TO OTHER REGIONS
AS WELL.

-- TO USE THEIR GOOD OFFICES AND COOPERATION TO ENCOURAGE
BEGIN UNDERLINE THE SOLUTION OF INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES
END UNDERLINE AND TO REDUCE AREAS OF TENSION IN THE
HEMISPHERE. THEY HOPE THAT THE PATIENCE AND MUTUAL
RESPECT WHICH LED TO THE SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATION OF THE
CANAL TREATIES WILL HELP COUNTRIES TO RESOLVE SUCH
PROBLEMS AND POINTS OF CONTROVERSY IN A MUTUALLY HELPFUL
WAY.

-- TO CONSULT ON A REGULAR AND CONTINUOUS BASIS ON A WIDE
RANGE OF INTERNATIONAL ISSUES IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE
DIFFERENCES BETWEEN NATIONAL POLICIES AND INCREASE THE
LIKELIHOOD OF REACHING MUTUAL AGREEMENT.

4. BEGIN UNDERLINE TO PROMOTE GREATER RESPECT FOR HUMAN
RIGHTS AND TO WIDEN THE SCOPE OF INTERNATIONAL ACTION IN
THE DEFENSE OF HUMAN DIGNITY, THEY PLEDGE: END UNDERLINE

-- TO STRENGTHEN THE AUTONOMY AND CAPABILITIES OF THE
BEGIN UNDERLINE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN
RIGHTS. END UNDERLINE.

-- TO WORK TO BRING THE BEGIN UNDERLINE AMERICAN
CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS END UNDERLINE INTO EFFECT IN
THIS YEAR, THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSAL
DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. THE LEADERS VIEWED WITH
SYMPATHY THE OFFER MADE BY COSTA RICA FOR SAN JOSE TO BE
THE SITE OF A PROPOSED INTER-AMERICAN COURT ON HUMAN
RIGHTS, CONSCIOUS OF THE ADVANTAGES OF THIS SITE.
-- TO BEGIN UNDERLINE SPEAK OUT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS END

UNDERLINE AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS EVERYWHERE AND TO WORK
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TO ELIMINATE REPRESSION.

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-- TO FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF CONDITIONS THAT WOULD
BEGIN UNDERLINE PROMOTE DEMOCRACY END UNDERLINE WITH
POPULAR AND EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION. IN PARTICULAR, THEY
EXPRESS GRATIFICATION THAT THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE OF THE
BEGIN UNDERLINE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC END UNDERLINE WAS
FREELY EXPRESSED IN ELECTIONS LAST MONTH, AND THEY
REITERATE THEIR HOPE AND UNDERSTANDING THAT THE ELECTORAL

COMMISSION IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC WILL ADHERE FAITHFULLY TO THE INTEGRITY OF THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS.

-- TO WORK THROUGH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO BEGIN UNDERLINE STRENGTHEN END UNDERLINE THE BEGIN UNDERLINE JURIDICAL FOUNDATIONS END UNDERLINE OF POLITICAL, SOCIAL, AND ECONOMIC RIGHTS.

5. BEGIN UNDERLINE TO MOVE FORWARD TOWARD A MORE JUST AND EQUITABLE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM AND TO INSURE THAT ONGOING MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS, INCLUDING THOSE ON THE COMMON FUND AND DEBT, ARE PURSUED EXPEDITIOUSLY WITH THE GOAL OF BRINGING CONCRETE AND SIGNIFICANT RESULTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY FOR THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND TO HELP RAISE THE LIVING STANDARDS OF THE WORLD'S POOR, THEY PLEDGE: END UNDERLINE

-- TO HELP ALLEVIATE HUNGER AND POVERTY BY EMPHASIZING UNCLASSIFIED

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FOOD PRODUCTION AND STUDYING THE IMPLICATIONS OF RAPID POPULATION GROWTH.

-- TO COMPLETE THE WORK OF THE BEGIN UNDERLINE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS END UNDERLINE IN GENEVA AND THEREBY REDUCE TRADE BARRIERS AND INCREASE THE PARTICIPATION OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN AN IMPROVED WORLD TRADING SYSTEM.

-- TO SEEK WAYS TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY, GROWTH, EQUITY, AND STABILITY OF COMMODITY MARKETS, AND TO SEEK TO BRING INTO EFFECT THE INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT, THE INTERNATIONAL COFFEE AGREEMENT, AND OTHER COMMODITY AGREEMENTS WHICH WILL HAVE THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING FAIR PRICES FOR THE PRODUCTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. IN PARTICULAR, THEY CONSIDER THAT THE ACHIEVEMENT OF EQUITABLE AGREEMENTS OF THIS CHARACTER WILL STRENGTHEN POLITICAL STABILITY AND PROMOTE REGIONAL SOLIDARITY AND WILL BENEFIT BOTH PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS OF SUCH PRODUCTS.

-- TO SUPPORT FULLY THE WORK AND CAPITAL REPLENISHMENTS OF THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK AND THE WORLD BANK.

-- TO GIVE FULL SUPPORT TO THE CARIBBEAN GROUP FOR COOPERATION IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND IN OTHER WAYS TO ENCOURAGE THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGION.

6. THEY ALSO WISH TO EXPRESS THEIR STRONG SUPPORT FOR

NEGOTIATIONS IN THE UNITED NATIONS TOWARD THE CONCLUSION
OF A TREATY PROHIBITING BRIBERY AND ILLICIT PAYMENTS IN
INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTIONS.
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7. IN PLEDGING THEMSELVES TO THESE OBJECTIVES, THEY
INVITE ALL STATES TO JOIN WITH THEM IN THIS SPIRIT OF
COOPERATION TO WORK ACTIVELY FOR PEACE, HUMAN RIGHTS,
PARTICIPATORY GOVERNMENT, AND A JUST AND EQUITABLE
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM. END TEXT. JORDEN

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